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# PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

### *Statistics of plague in California.*

Total cases of plague at San Francisco verified bacteriologically to April 25, 121; total cases verified clinically, 38; total deaths, 77. The last case at San Francisco was taken sick January 30 and confirmed by bacteriological examination as plague February 8, 1908. Date of finding of last infected rat, April 25.

The last case at Oakland, Cal., died December 22, 1907. The last plague-infected rats at Oakland were found during the week ended April 11, 1908. The only case at Berkeley, Cal., died September 1, 1907. The only case at Point Richmond, Cal., was taken sick November 27, 1907, and recovered.

*Report from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, and Point Richmond, and in Contra Costa County, Cal.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, April 25 and 29:

#### SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

*Week ended April 25.*

Sick inspected.....	35
Dead inspected.....	147
Necropsies held.....	3
Premises inspected.....	22,775
Houses disinfected.....	91
Houses destroyed.....	8
Buildings condemned.....	11
Nuisances abated.....	3,871
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Rats found dead.....	617
Rats trapped.....	5,602
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Total rats taken.....	6,219
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Rats identified:	
<i>Mus decumanus</i> .....	4,686
<i>Mus rattus</i> .....	94
<i>Mus musculus</i> .....	761
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Total.....	5,541
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Bounty rats received.....	3,783
Poisons placed.....	213,417
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	3,420
Rats infected with bacillus pestis.....	10

#### OAKLAND, CAL.

*Week ended April 25.*

Sick inspected.....	206
Dead inspected.....	40
Premises inspected.....	9,791